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I'll let you guys decide whether Nancy needs to see this David Hayes memo re: Mike Connor's increased involvement in BDCP. From our standpoint, I think Mike will have a positive impact on resolving BDCP issues as they come up (which will be mostly but maybe not entirely ESA). We already saw this in yesterday's interagency meetings here. But it may also mean he'll want to talk to Nancy occasionally.

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Based on the events of the past several weeks, I believe that our collective efforts in moving the BDCP process forward would be benefitted by a more visible and frequent "front office" involvement in the matter. All of you have been doing a terrific job in addressing the many issues that are coming at us, but I think that we can provide you with more support by having a high ranking leader of the effort from Washington who is visible in Sacramento (via frequent visits and on-going, hands-on involvement) and who can make sure that the various strands of work that need to progress are, in fact, moving forward, and that we are proactively addressing obstacles as they arise.

I am delighted to report that Mike Connor has agreed to take on this role. Mike will have on-going and frequent interactions with all of the regional leadership in California, with the State, and with key outside stakeholders. He will ensure coordination among the Regional Federal leadership who are responsible for advancing the BDCP to a successful and expeditious conclusion; he will oversee a focused federal effort to resolve any issues that could, if left unaddressed, delay the BDCP schedule; and Mike will ensure that Secretary Salazar and I, and other key Administration officials -- including, in particular, our colleagues at NOAA (with Will's active help) and at CEQ -- and Members of Congress are kept apprised of

progress and issues associated with the BDCP effort.

In undertaking these tasks, Mike will work closely with all of the regional leadership and with David Nawi, who will continue to play the indispensable role of helping to coordinate BDCP efforts from Sacramento.

I will remain fully committed to these matters, and Letty and I anticipate working very closely with Mike as he takes on his expanded role. Also, to ensure full engagement by our Washington leadership team, and given the high priority that we must (continue to) give to this matter, Mike and I will be scheduling frequent calls with our FWS, USGS, CEQ, NOAA, EPA and Corps leadership here in Washington so that there is visibility throughout our organizations of the steps that we are taking to move forward with the BDCP effort.

Mike will be in Sacramento on Wednesday and he has scheduled a series of meetings to kick off his new role. I anticipate that we will make a public announcement about Mike's role in the near future – perhaps in connection with the expected exchange of letters with the State regarding the BDCP schedule.

Thanks for all of the great work that you are continuing to do on this important matter. Feel free to give me a call if you would like to discuss this --- or any other California water matter.

--David

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